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Dear Sir

I recd your letter of yesterday. On that day Mr R S McCulloh came to my office his father remaining in a Hack at the door and told me that he understood that Mr Bailey Chairman of the Com of W & Means of the House had made some objection to *your* right in consequence of your being in the employ of the Govt at the time the process was discovered and saying that he had called to advise me of it as your Counsel. I immediately went up to see a person who knows what is going on in the matter who told me he believed it was altogether an error. I promised him $100 if he would see that the necessary explanations were given if such a question should come up. The appropriation Bill was reported in the Senate yesterday with an amendment much changed thus "Provided that the Secy of the Try be hereby authorised to obtain for the US the right to use the improved methods of refining argentiferous Gold bullion recently discovered and being patented to R S McCulloh & J C Booth or the right to use any other method of accomplishing the same ~~method~~ effect which may hereafter be discovered and patented by allowing to the said patentees a sum not exceeding one half of the difference between the cost of the labor and materials ~~necessary to be used in the new process~~ required in the process now used at the US Mint to refine such bullion and the cost of the labor & materials necessary to be used in the new process which may be ~~used~~ adopted But the depositors shall pay the compensation so agreed upon if he elects to use the new method or else to have the right to ~~two~~ resort to the present process unless the Secy of the Try should find it necessary hereafter to decide otherwise But the contract shall not extend over a greater period than that for which the patent was given". The Bill is not fully printed yet; I called at the printers & copied this from the first impression

I hope the Director of the Mint will report upon the letter sent to him by the Secy notwithstanding this Bill which perhaps you had better not show
Sent now

Yrs &c Henry M Morfit

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